

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A mail item feed module of a franking machine comprising a Separator-separator for separating envelope flaps from envelope bodies, of which an active zone of separation comprises a supple part.

2. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module separator of Claim 1, wherein said supple part comprises a peripheral edge arranged at the level of an envelope conveyor deck.

3. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module separator of Claim 1, wherein the supple part comprises overmoulded plastic on a steel wire ~~of having a minimum diameter of about one millimetre.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module separator of Claim 1, wherein the supple part comprises a moulded elastomer of silicone type.

5. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module separator of Claim 1, wherein said supple part is detachable from a rigid part of the separator.

6. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module separator of Claim 5, wherein the supple part is connected to the rigid part by a fixation means of slideway or rail type.

7. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module separator of Claim 6, wherein the fixation means comprises a plastic material.

8. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module separator of Claim 5, wherein said supple part is articulated on said rigid

part by a hinge.

9. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module separator of claim 1, wherein the separator allows for moistening envelope flaps.

10. (Previously Presented) A mail item feed module of a franking machine comprising a separator for separating envelope flaps from envelope bodies, of which an active zone of separation comprises a supple part, wherein the separator allows for the moistening of the envelope flaps.